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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 "E" Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

At present we are exploring the implications of the federal National Defense Education Act, which, among other stipulations, provides for encouragement of certain language-teaching programs. Governmental support is made dependent on the condition that individuals trained in such languages are needed by the federal government and that such instruction is not readily available in the United States.

As a member of our President's Committee investigating these possibilities for Adelphi, Dr. Siegfried H. Muller, chairman of our Department of German and General Language, established that 27 languages, each comprising millions of speakers, are apparently not taught anywhere in this country. Among these are seven, which are official languages of independent nations, viz. Javanese of Indonesia, Pushtu of Afghanistan, Sinhalese of Ceylon, Amharic of Ethiopia, Tagalog of the Philippines, Khmer of Cambodia and Nepali of Nepal.

Our endeavor is to ascertain if any of the above mentioned tongues or some other language ranks high in the needs for government personnel as foreseen in the Act. Adelphi may then consider the formulation of suitable proposals, which may well comprise a complete area study. If on the basis of your experience you are able to give us advice in this matter, I shall be very grateful to you.

Very truly yours,

Francis R. Ballaine  
Dean of the College

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